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FOERSTER et al.

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Group Art Unit: 3737

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Some references are in a language other than the English language. A concise explanation of relevance is given below.

DE 935625

This reference discloses a biopsy instrument and method for acquiring subcutaneous biopsies and for removing lesions.

DE 4330958

The invention relates to novel microparticles containing active compound, which, additionally to the active compound(s), contain at least one gas or gaseous phase, media (microparticulate systems) containing these particles, their use for the ultrasonically controlled in vivo release of active compound and process for the production of the particles and media.

FR 2714284

The prosthesis consists of a circular component made from a supple material with a shape memory effect, able to occupy three different positions. In the first position (2) it is extended lengthwise to form a small cylinder which can be introduced through a catheter, with its proximal end closed by a valve (4). In a second position the two compartments (8,10) are inflated separately so that they are deployed on opposite sides of the ruptured wall, while in the third position the compartments are squeezed together to form a double patch on the wall. The prosthesis has a radio-opaque marker (6) between the two compartments which allows its progress through the patient's body to be monitored.

DE 4403789

The invention relates to the use of coloured NMR, X-ray or possibly dye-containing ultrasonic-image-producing substances for marking bodily tissues.

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Respectfully submitted,

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